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West Virginia Commercial Trout Production

West Virginia - There were 27 operations that produced trout for sale and/or distribution in 2007. Eighteen operations were commercial producers, while 12 operations distributed trout/trout eggs for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes. The total value of fish sales for 2007 was not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. In 2006, the 18 commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sales of 235 thousand dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2006 - December 31, 2006. Trout losses for the period totaled 26,000 pounds, down from the 2006 total of 54,000 pounds.

United States - The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 87.5 million dollars for 2007, an increase of 9 percent from 2006. Idaho accounted for 53 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2007 totaled 59.7 million fish, up 14 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.15, up 4 cents from 2006. The value of sales for the 2007 marketing year was 80.0 million dollars, up 10 percent from 2006. Based on the dollar value, 67 percent were sold to processors and 16 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2007 totaled 4.99 million fish, a decrease of 20 percent from 2006. The average price per pound was \$2.95 during 2007, up 40 cents from the 2006 price. The total value of sales was 5.84 million dollars during 2007, a 9 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlet for 6"-12" trout was to fee and recreational fishing establishments accounting for 45 percent of total sales, followed by other producers with 16 percent.

The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2007 totaled 9.56 million, a 10 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$177 during 2007, unchanged from 2006. The total value of sales was 1.70 million dollars, up 10 percent from last year's total.

Distributed Trout - Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 8.20 million 12" or longer fish, 68.7 million 6"-12" fish, and 78.9 million fingerlings. The estimated value of fish and eggs distributed totaled 102 million dollars, up 16 percent from 2006.

Trout Losses - Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 34.3 million fish during 2007. The top three categories were 86 percent lost to disease, 8 percent lost to predators, and 4 percent lost to drought.

TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs), 2006-2007

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold	
	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007	2006 ¹	2007
Thousand Dollars								
AR**								
CA	5,000	5,470	408	440	165	46	5,573	5,956
CO	1,399	2,027	*	*	*	*	2,299	2,328
GA	580	*	*	*			630	372
ID	40,920	46,460	*	*	*	*	41,434	46,690
MI	620	601	*	*	*	*	783	758
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	2,345	2,262
NY	273	199	199	179	68	63	540	441
NC	6,395	5,300	413	654	424	435	7,232	6,389
OR	226	*	101	184	*	*	331	967
PA	3,738	3,903	930	1,022	122	132	4,790	5,057
UT	301	369	*	*	*	*	318	460
VA	1,288	1,367	*	*	*	*	1,475	1,513
WA	3,276	3,964	477	528	254	523	4,007	5,015
WV	209	*	*	*	*	*	235	*
WI	1,265	1,495	225	98	83	32	1,573	1,625
Other States ²	7,243	8,858	3,635	2,733	428	464	7,100	7,713
US Total	72,733	80,013	6,388	5,838	1,544	1,695	80,665	87,546
¹ Revised. ² Other States include State estimates not listed and States suppressed due to disclosure. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ** Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales.								